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In re Application of  
Oral Sekendur  
Serial No. : 09/755,231  
Filed : January 8, 2001  
For : One-Piece Disposable Dental Articulator

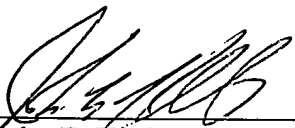
: DECISION ON PETITION  
: TO WITHDRAW  
: HOLDING OF  
: ABANDONMENT  
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This is a decision on petitioner's request filed July 30, 2002 (certificate of mailing dated July 24, 2002), to review the holding of abandonment mailed July 16, 2002, for failure to timely file a response to the Office letter of April 24, 2002. There is no fee required for this petition.

Although not specifically stated, the basis for the request is that the period for response to the Office letter of April 24, 2002 had not yet expired as of July 16, 2002. The letter of April 24, 2002 set a new time period for response of one month and included a statement that extensions of time for that period were grantable under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The deadline for responding to the Office action of April 24, 2002, was May 24, 2002, with extensions possible through October 24, 2002. With the petition, a response to the letter of April 24, 2002 and a two-month extension were filed. Clearly, in view of the above, the abandonment of this application was premature and in error and is hereby withdrawn.

Upon the mailing of this decision the application will be forwarded to the Examiner via the Legal Instruments Examiner for entry and processing of the response filed July 30, 2002.

Summary: Holding of Abandonment Withdrawn.

  
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